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In re patent application of:) Before the Examiner
Zdeblick et al.) Scott B. Markow
Serial No. 08/413,353) Group Art Unit 3300
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Interbody Fusion Device and)
Method for Restoration of)
Normal Spinal Anatomy)

AMENDMENT AFTER FIRST ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 3, 1996, please consider the following.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3, 10, 12 and 17 as follows:

1. (amended) A fusion device for facilitating arthrodesis in the disc space between adjacent vertebrae, comprising:

an elongated body having a length between a first end and a second end thereof, and a first diameter at [a] said first end sized to be greater than the space between the adjacent vertebrae;

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